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Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories

Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem

Report of the Secretary-General

(in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/67)

1. The present report is submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/67 of 10 December 1997, the operative part of which reads as follows:

> "*The General Assembly*,
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> "...
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> "1. *Determines* that all measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, in violation of the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, and contrary to the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, are illegal and have no validity and that such measures should cease immediately;
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> "2. *Demands* that Israel, the occupying Power, cease all practices and actions which violate the human rights of the Palestinian people;
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> "3. *Stresses* the need to preserve the territorial integrity of all the occupied Palestinian territory and to guarantee the freedom of movement of persons and goods within the Palestinian territory, including the removal of restrictions on movement

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into and from East Jerusalem, and the freedom of movement to and from the outside world;

"4. *Calls upon* Israel, the occupying Power, to accelerate the release of all remaining Palestinians arbitrarily detained or imprisoned, in line with agreements reached;

"5. *Calls* for complete respect by Israel, the occupying Power, of all fundamental freedoms of the Palestinian people, pending the extension of the self-government arrangements to the rest of the occupied territory;

"6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution."

2. On 5 May 1998, the Secretary-General addressed a note verbale to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel, in which he requested, in view of his reporting responsibilities under the resolution, that the Minister inform him of any steps his Government had taken or envisaged taking concerning the implementation of the relevant provisions of the resolution.

3. No reply had been received at the time of the preparation of the present report.